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An Open Work way of life

Open Work (also known as the ability to work anywhere) is a beautiful thing. Doesn't suit all job types, but for my line of work, where everything I do is compressing, hosting files and managing the development of multimedia applications... it is great. Vendors on the East Coast, publishing group on the west coast and a cutting edge global delivery infrastructure. No problem.

Another good thing is that you can use a solaris, linux, windows or mac systems for this. Open Work is for everyone.

My work extension gets forwarded to my cell, wi-fi is everywhere and becoming more affordable than ever for residential use. I also use timbuktu and **logmein** to connect to my machine at work where I get super-blazing fast download/uploads (fiber link anyone?) and most of my publishing tools (squeeze, flash, camtasia, FTP, dreamweaver, etc.) That's really all I need! well, ok... maybe a land-line. Cell phone reception isn't the greatest in some places still. Maybe I'll switch to voIP and get this over with once and for all.

The only thing required for making this succeed is strong work ethic. People still tend to think that "telecommuting" is pretty much slacking off at home... it's actually quite the opposite for me. It is highly concentrated, uninterrupted work where you can get a lot done. It also means working outside the regular "business hours". A 40 hour work week is more like a 50+ these days for most of the people I know. But the greatest thing is at the end of a work day, to shut down the laptop, turn off the cell phone and <BAM!>, you're home.

No wonder Sun was **recognized among best workplaces for Commuters**. Saves me time, gaz, insurance, stress. For Sun, it saves them real-estate, utilities (phone, electricity, water) and everything else to keep the campus running. It also saves the environment and our dependance on foreign oil. It's a win-win-win situation for the employee, the employer and the environment. I'm wondering why other companies haven't caught on yet. Doesn't anyone know this exists?

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